

## Weekly One Liners 13<sup>th</sup> July to 19<sup>th</sup> of July 2020

### IRDAI allows launch of 'Corona Kavach' insurance policies

General and Health Insurance companies has received approval from the Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) to launch short-term 'Corona Kavach' health insurance policies. The short-term "Corona Kavach" health insurance policy will cover medical expenses occurred due to coronavirus disease.

About the Corona Kavach policy:

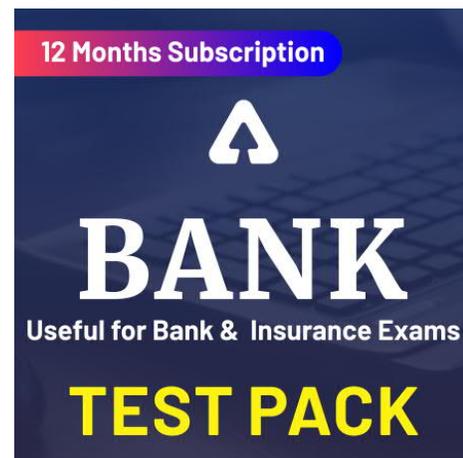
- IRDAI has designed a standard Covid specific product which addresses the basic health insurance requirements of insuring public containing common policy wordings across the industry.
- The sum insured amount of the policy ranges from Rs 50,000 to Rs 5,00,000.
- Person between the age of 18 to 65 years can avail the benefits of the policy.
- People will be able to avail the Corona Kavach policy for Self, spouse, parents, parents-in-law as well as dependent children up to 25 years of age.

### India ranks 3rd in Global Manufacturing Risk Index 2020

- India is the third top-most country in the Global Manufacturing Risk Index 2020. The annual Global Manufacturing Risk Index (MRI) report was released by the US-based property consultant Cushman & Wakefield, to rank the most suitable locations for global manufacturing among 48 countries in Europe, Americas, and the Asia-Pacific.
- Each of the countries has been assessed in four key areas: Bouncebackability, Conditions, Costs and Risks.
- China and the United States retain the top two positions respectively in MRI 2020, while India has moved one place higher from the previous edition of the report, to rank third in MRI 2020. The MRI 2020 report also includes analysis of the impact of Covid-19 on the global manufacturing sector and the ability of the countries to restart their manufacturing sectors once confinement measures are relaxed and business starts to return to normal.

### National News

- NITI Aayog's Atal Innovation Mission (AIM) has launched "ATL App Development Module" in collaboration with Indian startup Plezmo, for school students nationwide.
- According to the data of the Union Ministry of Commerce, United States was India's top trading partner in fiscal year 2019-20. The bilateral trade between 2 countries has increased from \$87.96 billion in 2018-19 to \$88.75 billion in the fiscal year 2019-20.
- Iran has dropped India from Chabahar rail project which comprises rail line from Chabahar port to Zahedan, along the border with Afghanistan.
- India has handed over outdoor fitness equipment for 61 islands across the Maldives under a cash grant of 8 million US dollars.
- 'Pragyata' guidelines have been released for Digital Education. It include 8 steps of online education that is, Plan, Review, Arrange, Guide, Yak(talk), Assign, Track, and Appreciate.
- Indian Railways has launched a 'Post COVID Coach' to prevent the spread of COVID-19 virus infection. It has been developed by the Indian Railways' production unit, Rail Coach Factory, Kapurthala.
- Railways Minister has announced India's first cable-stayed Railways bridge "Anji Khad Bridge" to connect Katra and Reasi in Jammu and Kashmir. It would be developed by Konkan Railway Corporation Limited (KRCL).



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- India's first fully indigenously developed Pneumococcal Polysaccharide Conjugate Vaccine (Pneumonia vaccine) has received Drug Controller General of India's (DCGI) approval. It has been developed by Serum Institute of India Pvt Ltd, Pune.
- National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development has launched development projects of worth Rs 44 lakhs in Andaman & Nicobar Islands. Under this, there would be focus on the formation and skill development of Self-Help Groups to promote rural entrepreneurship at micro level.
- Opening session of the Digital Indo-Italian Business Mission on Food Processing was addressed by the Union Minister for Food Processing Industries, Smt. Harsimrat Kaur Badal.
- First on-line NISHTHA programme has been launched for 1200 Key Resources Persons of Andhra Pradesh. It would be conducted through DIKSHA and NISHTHA portals by the National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT).
- The fourth edition of the All India Tiger Estimation 2018 has created the Guinness World Record for being the world's largest camera trap wildlife survey.

### States in the News

- The Women Safety Wing, Telangana State Police has launched the "CybHer" campaign in association with the Legal Aid Centre, Symbiosis Law School, Hyderabad to tackle cybercrime against children and women in the state.
- Madhya Pradesh has topped among the other states in the implementation of PM Street Vendor's AtmaNirbhar Nidhi (PM SVANidhi).
- Madhya Pradesh government will commence a unique campaign titled as "Roko-Toko" to target those people who do not wear masks.
- Chhattisgarh government has organised the first-Lok Adalat of India amid the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Uttarakhand government has decided to convert waste generated in the state to electricity under an initiative titled 'Waste to Energy'.

### International Affairs

- Lee Hsien Loong has become the Prime Minister of Singapore after the ruling People's Action Party won the General Elections held in the country.
- India has become the second-largest source of foreign direct investment (FDI) in the United Kingdom. India invested in 120 projects and created 5,429 new jobs in the UK. United States remains the number one source of FDI for the UK.
- Andrzej Duda has been re-elected as the President of Poland.
- China has successfully launched "APSTAR-6D" telecommunication satellite via a Long March 3B carrier rocket from Xichang Satellite Launch Center. It has been developed by China Academy of Space Technology.
- Prime Minister of Tunisia, Elyes Fakhfakh has submitted his resignation.
- Indian-origin, Chandrikapersad 'Chan' Santokhi has been elected the president of South American country "Suriname".
- Pakistan and China have signed an agreement for the 700 MW Azad Pattan hydel power project on the Jhelum river in Sudhoti district of Pakistan Occupied Kashmir (PoK).
- Rose Christiane Ossouka Raponda has been appointed as the first woman prime minister of Gabon. She will succeed Julien Nkoghe Bekale.

### Agreements/MoUs Signed

- UNICEF INDIA has tied-up with Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry's (FICCI), Socio-Economic Development Foundation (SEDF) to jointly develop UNICEF's #Reimagine Campaign.
- Airports Authority of India and Bharat Electronics Ltd (BEL) has signed an MoU to tap the emerging global markets in the airport business, including the ones in the Asia-Pacific region.
- UNICEF India has partnered with SAP India to improve the employability skills of young people in a COVID-19 as well as post COVID-19 era. Under this initiative, UNICEF has collaborated with YuWaah (Generation Unlimited) to offer digital education as well as occupational skillset to the underserved young people of India.

### Banking/Economy/Business News

- NABARD has announced Rs 5,000 crore of refinance scheme for banks and financial institutions to offer finance to the beneficiaries of its 2,150 watershed development projects.
- NABARD has assigned Rs 5,000 crore to transform Primary Agricultural Credit Societies (PACS) into multi service centres.
- Visa, a global leader in payments technology has tied-up with Federal Bank to launch "Visa Secure" to the bank's cardholders. "Visa Secure" is a modernized technology which is built on EMVCo 3DS (3D Secure) 2.0 protocol, and provides a quicker and frictionless checkout experience to the consumers.
- Google has announced a \$10 billion for "GoogleForIndia Digitisation Fund". Under the fund, Google will invest roughly Rs 75,000 crore in India over the next 5-7 years.
- Qualcomm Ventures has acquired 0.15% stakes in Jio Platforms. The transaction costed Rs 730 crores to the Qualcomm Ventures.
- Competition Commission of India (CCI) has approved acquisition by Aceso Company Pte. Ltd. (Aceso) in HealthCare Global Enterprises Limited (HCG) under Section 31(1) of the Competition Act, 2002.
- Google to buy 7.73% stake in Reliance Industries Limited(RIL)'s Jio Platforms for Rs 33,737 crores.

### Appointments/Resignations

- Board of Control for Cricket in India has appointed Hemang Amin as its interim chief executive officer (CEO). He will replace Rahul Johri who recently resigned as the CEO of BCCI.
- Government of India has appointed Dr. Vidhu P. Nair as the next Ambassador of India to Turkmenistan.
- Roshni Nadar Malhotra becomes the new chairman of Noida-based IT company, HCL Technologies.
- Rudrendra Tandon has been appointed as the next Ambassador of India to Afghanistan.
- Vikram Doraiswami has been appointed as the next Ambassador of India to Bangladesh.
- Ashok Lavasa has been appointed the vice-president Asian Development Bank (ADB).

### Defence News

- Defence Acquisition Council (DAC) has entrusted capital procurement powers to Armed Forces. With this, the Armed Forces will now be able to progress urgent Capital Acquisition Cases upto Rs 300 crores to fulfil their emergent operational requirements.
- Defence Research and Development Organisation has developed the P7 Heavy Drop System which is capable of para dropping military stores up to 7-ton weight class from IL 76 aircraft.

### Awards and Recognitions

- NTPC Ltd has been awarded with the prestigious CII-ITC Sustainability Award 2019 under Outstanding Accomplishment in Corporate Excellence Category. It has also secured Commendation for Significant Achievement in Corporate social responsibility (CSR) category.
- Arunachal Pradesh filmmaker Kezang D Thongdok has bagged the Dada Saheb Phalke Award 2020 for a short documentary "Chi Lupo". Chi Lupo is a short documentary on honey hunting.
- Tamil Nadu's Chief Minister, Edappadi K Palaniswami has been honoured with Paul Harris Fellow recognition by Rotary Foundation of Rotary International, Chicago.
- Chief Minister Darpan website and mobile app prepared for monitoring Chhattisgarh Government's ambitious Suraji Gaon Scheme and other flagship schemes, has been awarded "Elites Excellence Awards-2020" at the national level.
- Indian Space Research Organisation(ISRO) Chief, Kailasavadivoo Sivan has been named for Von Karman Award 2020 by the International Academy of Astronautics (IAA).

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- According to ATK-Mohun Bagan club, Hockey legend Gurbux Singh and former first-class cricketer Palash Nandi will receive this year's Mohun Bagan Ratna.
- Sachin Awasthi has been honoured with the "Top Publicist" award in the Global Humanitarian Awards 2020.
- Rail Infra and Mobility Business Digital Awards (RIMBDA) has awarded Ved Parkash Dudeja with the coveted 'Infra Business Leader of the Year' award for 2020. He is the vice chairman of Rail Land Development Authority (RLDA).
- Tata group chairman, Natarajan Chandrasekaran, and CEO and President of Lockheed Martin, Jim Taiclet will receive the US-India Business Council (USIBC) Global Leadership Award 2020.
- The 22-year-old England football player, Marcus Rashford becomes the youngest ever recipient of an honorary degree from The University of Manchester.
- Committee to Protect Journalists (CPJ) has announced the recipients of the International Press Freedom Awards 2020 which includes Shahidul Alam from Bangladesh, Mohammad Mosaed from Iran, Dapo Olorunyomi from Nigeria and Svetlana Prokopyeva from Russia. In addition to them, lawyer Amal Clooney will be honoured with the Gwen Ifill Press Freedom Award 2020.

### Summits & Conferences

- Raksha Rajya Mantri Shri Shripad Yesso Naik inaugurated the 5th edition of the conference on "Aerospace and Defence Manufacturing Technologies" which was held with the theme Empowering India with 'Aatma Nirbhar Bharat Mission'. Tamil Nadu Technology Development & Promotion Centre jointly organised the conference with Society of Indian Defence Manufacturers, and the Confederation of Indian Industry.

### Ranks and Reports

- India's second Voluntary National Review (VNR) report has been presented by the NITI Aayog at the United Nations High-level Political Forum (HLPF) on Sustainable Development, 2020. The report has been titled as "Decade of Action: Taking SDGs from Global to Local".

### Sports News

- Lewis Hamilton has won the Styrian Grand Prix 2020 at the Red Bull Ring in Spielberg, Austria.
- Asian Cricket Council (ACC) has postponed the Asia Cup cricket tournament until June 2021. Originally Pakistan was to host the Asia Cup 2020, but due to security reasons amid COVID-19 pandemic, it has been rescheduled to be held in Sri Lanka.
- Former captain of Australia national soccer team, Mile Jedinak has announced his retirement from the sport.
- Youth Olympic Games to be hosted in Dakar in 2022 have been postponed. Games will now be held in 2026.
- Real Madrid has been crowned La Liga Champions for the 34th time after defeating Villarreal 2-1 at Estadio Alfredo Di Stefano in Madrid.

### Books & Authors

- The book titled 'A Song of India' has been authored by Ruskin Bond.
- A new book titled "If It Bleeds", a collection of four stories, is authored by Stephen King.
- The book titled 'The Tangams: An Ethnolinguistic Study Of The Critically Endangered Group of Arunachal Pradesh' was released. It is based on the Tangams, a critically endangered speech community of Arunachal Pradesh domiciled at Kugging village, Upper Siang district of Arunachal Pradesh.

### Science and Technology

- IIT Kanpur has developed an Ultraviolet (UV) sanitizing device named Smartphone operated Handy Ultraviolet Disinfection Helper (SHUDH). It will help in killing the spread of coronavirus at the highly prone places such as hospitals, hotels, malls, offices and schools.
- Indian Institute of Technology, Delhi has developed the world's most affordable COVID-19 Diagnostic Kit "Corosure".
- Indian Institute of Technology Madras (IIT-M) start-up Modulus Housing, has developed a portable hospital unit called 'MediCAB'. It was launched recently in Wayanad District of Kerala.

### Important Days

- United Nations has declared 12th July as World Malala Day to honour the young activist, Malala Yousafzai.
- United Nations celebrates World Youth Skills Day globally on 15 July every year. The theme of World Youth Skills Day 2020 is "Skills for a Resilient Youth".
- World Day for International Justice is observed on 17th July every year to recognise the strengthening system of international justice and also to promote the rights of the victims.
- The United Nations observes 18 July every year as Nelson Mandela International Day.

### Obituaries

- Renowned Gujarati cartoonist, Avad Bin Hassan Jami passed away.
- A member of the England 1966 World-Cup winning team, Jack Charlton passed away.
- Padma Shri award winning veteran Gujarati journalist, columnist, writer and political analyst Nagindas Sanghvi passed away.
- Renowned ceramic artist, Jyotsna Bhatt passed away.
- Dutch Football legend Wim Suurbier passed away. He was a key member of the 1970s squad of Netherlands who played in two World Cup finals.
- Hawkins Cookers Chairman, Brahm Vasudeva passed away.
- First woman State Election Commissioner (SEC) of Maharashtra Neela Satyanarayan passed away.
- Acharya Shree Purushottam Priyadasji Swamishree passed away due to COVID-19. He was the head of Swaminarayan Sanstha. He was presently incumbent Acharya of Shree Swaminarayan Gadi.

### Miscellaneous News

- Union Home Minister, Amit Shah has launched the Central Armed Police Force's (CAPFs) nationwide tree plantation drive.
- Ministry of Railways is on a mission mode with the goal of transforming Indian Railways into Green Railways by 2030.
- National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) organised its first 'Digital Choupal' to mark its 39th foundation day.

- Former Australian fast bowler and cricket legend Brett Lee has been signed by SportsAdda as its brand ambassador.
- GMR Hyderabad International Airport (GHIAL) has introduced India's first-ever fully contactless airport car parking to provide a safe airport amid COVID-19.
- Indian National Centre for Ocean Information Services (INCOIS), Hyderabad observed "Swachhata Pakhwada".
- Assam Chief Minister, Sarbananda Sonowal has announced, Poba Reserve Forest in Dhemaji district would be upgraded to a wildlife sanctuary.
- Bollywood actor, Priyanka Chopra Jonas and Bollywood filmmaker Anurag Kashyap have been chosen as the ambassador of the Toronto International Film Festival (TIFF) 2020.

### Static Takeaways

- Capital of Senegal: Dakar.
- Senegal Currency: West African CFA Franc.
- International Olympic Committee Headquarters: Lausanne, Switzerland.
- International Olympic Committee President: Thomas Bach.
- Chairman of National Bank For Agriculture And Rural Development: G R Chintala.
- Lieutenant Governor of Andaman & Nicobar Islands: Admiral D K Joshi.
- Union Minister of Railways: Piyush Goyal.
- Konkan Railway Corporation Limited Chairman & Managing Director: Sanjay Gupta.
- Konkan Railway Corporation Limited Headquarter: Mumbai, Maharashtra.
- Union HRD Minister: Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank'.
- President of the Maldives: Ibrahim Mohamed Solih.
- Capital of Maldives: Male; Currency of the Maldives: Maldivian Rufiyaa.
- Chairman of Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India: Subhash C. Khuntia.
- Chief Executive Officer of Plezmo: Amol Palshikar.
- CEO of NITI Aayog (National Institution for Transforming India): Amitabh Kant.
- Prime Minister of Pakistan: Imran Khan.
- President of Pakistan: Arif Alvi.
- Capital of Pakistan: Islamabad.
- China Capital: Beijing; Currency of China: Renminbi.
- President of China: Xi Jinping.

- Capital of Suriname: Paramaribo.
- The currency of Suriname: Suriname Dollar.
- President of Tunisia: Kais Saied; Capital of Tunisia: Tunis.
- China Aerospace Science and Technology Corp Headquarters: Beijing, China.
- China Aerospace Science and Technology Corp President: Xu Qiang.
- Capital of Poland: Warsaw; Currency: Polish zloty.
- Chairman of National Bank For Agriculture And Rural Development: G R Chintala.
- MD & CEO of Federal Bank Ltd: Shyam Srinivasan.
- Capital of Turkmenistan: Ashgabat; Currency: Turkmenistan Manat.
- World Humanitarian Drive (WHD) founder & chairman: Abdul Basit Syed.
- World Humanitarian Drive (WHD) Headquarters: London, United Kingdom.
- International Academy of Astronautics (IAA) Founder: Dr Theodore Von Karman.
- International Academy of Astronautics (IAA) Headquarters: Paris, France.
- CM of Chhattisgarh: Bhupesh Baghel; Governor of Chhattisgarh: Anusuiya Uikey.
- Governor of Tamil Nadu: Banwarilal Purohit.
- President of Rotary International: Holger Knaack.
- Executive Director of UNICEF: Henrietta H. Fore.
- Chairman of Airports Authority of India: Arvind Singh.
- Chairman & Managing Director of Bharat Electronics Ltd: MV Gowtama.
- President of Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry: Sangita Reddy.
- Chairman & Managing Director of RIL: Mukesh D. Ambani.
- Google Headquarters: California, United States.
- CEO of Google: Sundar Pichai.
- Chairperson of Competition Commission of India: Ashok Kumar Gupta.
- Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Qualcomm: Steve Mollenkopf.
- CEO of Google: Sundar Pichai; Headquarters: California, United States.
- Chief Minister of Chhattisgarh: Bhupesh Baghel; Governor: Anusuiya Uikey.
- Chief Minister of Madhya Pradesh: Shivraj Singh Chouhan; Governor: Anandiben Patel.
- Chief Minister of Telangana: K Chandrasekhar Rao; Governor: Tamilisai Soundararajan.
- Headquarters of United Nations: New York, USA; Founded: 24 October 1945.
- Mr Antonio Guterres is the Secretary-General of the United Nations.
- International Criminal Court HQ: The Hague, Netherlands.
- International Criminal Court President: Chile Eboe-Osuji.
- International Criminal Court Established: 2002.
- Secretary-General of United Nations: António Guterres.
- Capital of Assam: Dispur.
- Governor of Assam: Jagdish Mukhi.
- Union Minister of Earth Sciences: Harsh Vardhan.
- Gabon Capital: Libreville; Currency of Gabon: Central African CFA franc.

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